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SUBJ: CONTINUING TURMOIL AT UNIVERSITY

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1. OFFICIALLY DISBANDED BUT ALIVE AND WELL STUDENT UNION AT KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY DISTRIBUTED FLYERS ON CAMPUS JANUARY 5 CHALLENGING NEW REGIME PROCLAIMED FOR KU BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI LAST NOVEMBER (REFTEL). ACCORDING STATEMENT, WHICH DATED NOVEMBER 30, STUDENTS WILL REFUSE RESEME STUDIES UNTIL ORDERS RESCINDED AND ALL DETAINED STUDENTS RELEASED. (CLASSES NOW SCHEDULED RESUME JAN 31 ON PIECE-MEAL BASIS.) STUDENT UNION ALSO REJECTED PLAN FOR COMPULSORY NATIONAL SERVICE FOR STUDENTS.

2. ALSO ON JAN 5, NIMEIRI ANNOUNCED DEFFERRAL OF NATIONAL SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL "NEXT YEAR" (PRESUMABLY THE START OF NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR IN SEPTEMBER).

3. WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORT THAT KU GOVERNING COUNCIL)

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HAS OVERWHELMINGLY OVERRIDEN CHAIRMAN BAKHEIT'S PROPOSAL

EXPEL 260 STUDENTS FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN (OR SYMPATHY WITH) SEPT 5 COUP ATTEMPT, DECIDING INSTEAD TO SUSPEND JUST SIXTY FOR VARYING LENGTHS OF TIME.

4. COMMENT. WHETHER OR NOT STUDENT UNION ACTION DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE, IT SEEMS THAT NIMEIRI SENSITIVE TO FACT THAT KU CANNOT BE REOPENED SUCCESSFULLY IF STUDENT BODY TOTALLY ALIENATED. GIVEN HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY LIFE HERE, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY PEACEABLE MEETING OF MINDS BETWEEN CURRENT REGIME AND PERENNIALY VOLATILE STUDENTS.
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